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FM AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN

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INFO AMCONSUL DURBAN

AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

AMEMBASSY MASERU

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AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, SF, US

SUBJ: SAG VISA POLICY

REF: CAPE TOWN 519 AND 484

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS NOTE RECEIVED SEPT 12 (CUSTOMARY OPENING PHRASE, UNNECESSARY WORDS AND COMPLIMENTARY CLOSING OMITTED).

2. "...WITH REFERENCE TO CONVERSATION WHICH AMBASSADOR HAS HAD WITH MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON THE ADMISSION TO AND TRANSIT THROUGH THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA OF HOLDERS OF AMERICAN PORTS STATIONED IN COUNTRIES NEIGHBORING SOUTH AFRICA, HAS THE HONOR TO STATE THAT AS FROM 1 OCTOBER 1974 THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE PREPARED TO GIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO APPLICATIONS FOR THE ISSUE OF MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS VALID FOR PERIODS OF ONE YEAR TO THOSE HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS WHO AT PRESENT QUALIFY FOR OR HOLD LAISSEZ-PASSER.

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3. "THE POSITION TF HOLDERS OF PRIVATE PASSPORTS WILL
BE DEALT WITH IN A FURTHER COMMUNICATION AT AN EARLY
DATE."

4. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF ASSURANCE THAT SAG'S POSITION RE
VISAS FOR OTHER THAN OFFICIAL AMCITS WILL BE
MADE KNOWN TO US SOON, EMBASSY WILL NOT RPT NOT RAISE
ISSUE WITH DFA UNTIL NEXT COMMUNICATION RECEIVED, UNLESS
IT DELAYED FOR UNREASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME. OF COURSE IF
SAG'S POSITION PROVES TO BE UNSATISFACTORY IN TERMS OF
1956 VISA AGREEMENT, WE WOULD MAKE ANOTHER DEMARCHE.
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